



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bavykin, et al.
Title: "COLUMN DEVICE FOR ISOLATION AND LABELING OF NUCLEIC ACIDS"
Serial No.: 09/751,654
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Examiner: Suryaprabha Chunduru
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Also enclosed herewith is the following:

An eight page Amendment;
Four sheets of Marked-up Claims;
Four sheets of Clean Claims;
Return Postcard, per M.P.E.P. 503.

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to change any additional fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 or credit any over payments to the PTO Deposit Account of Cherskov and Flaynik number 501709.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHERSKOV & FLAYNIK

BY


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the November 19, 2002 Official Communication in the above-identified matter, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 13 and 26 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method for labeling genetic material, the method comprising:
 - a) disrupting cells so as to liberate genetic material contained in the cells;
 - b) contacting the genetic material to a column in a manner to cause the genetic material to become immobilized to the column;